

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image forming apparatus comprising:
charging means for charging an image bearing member;
5 image forming means for forming a toner image on the image bearing member that has been charged;
cleaning means for contacting the image bearing member to clean the surface of the image bearing member; and
10 control means adapted to control a ratio of a period wherein the image bearing member is moved without being charged by the charging unit, to a period wherein the image bearing member is moved while being charged by the charging unit, to be a
15 predetermined value or greater.
2. An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the control means calculates the ratio in accordance with a predetermined number of
20 sheets subjected to image forming.
3. An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein, when the ratio is smaller than a predetermined value, the control means is adapted to
25 increase the period wherein the image bearing member is moved without being charged by the charging unit, so that the ratio is equal to or greater than the

predetermined value.

4. An image forming apparatus according to
claim 3, wherein, in a period other than an image
5 forming operation period, the control means performs
an image bearing member moving mode for increasing
the period wherein the image bearing member is moved
without being charged by the charging unit.

10 5. An image forming apparatus according to
claim 4, wherein, when the ratio is equal to or
greater than the predetermined value, the control
means does not execute the image bearing member
moving mode.

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